**21st CENTURY SKILLS & DEFINITIONS**

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| **21st Century Themes** | **Definition** |
| **Global Awareness** | An awareness and understanding of different societies and cultures |
| **Environmental Literacy** | An awareness and understanding of energy and resource sustainability |
| **Financial Literacy** | A knowledge and understanding of economic and business situations and entrepreneurial enterprises |
| **Health Literacy** | An awareness and understanding of health care, nutrition, and preventative medicine |
| **Civic Literacy** | An awareness and understanding of civic engagement, community service, ethics, and social justice |

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| **Life and Career Skills** | **Definition** |
| **Flexibility** | Deal positively with praise and criticism, balance diverse views to reach workable solutions |
| **Adaptability** | Adjusts to varied roles and responsibilities; work effectively in a changing climate |
| **Initiation** | Ability to set goals; manage time and workload; monitor, prioritize, and complete tasks without direct oversight. |
| **Self Direction** | Demonstrate commitment to life-long learning, use past learning to inform future progress |
| **Social and Cross-Cultural Skills** | Conduct oneself in a respectful, professional manner, respect cultural differences, leverage societal and cultural differences to create new ideas |
| **Productivity** | Produce high quality products by effectively managing time and projects; working collaboratively and cooperatively with diverse teams |
| **Accountability** | Accept responsibility for results |
| **Leadership** | Use interpersonal and problem solving skills to leverage strengths and guide others to accomplish a goal |
| **Responsibility** | Being accountable for completing something while keeping the interests of the larger community in mind |

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| **Learning & Innovation Skills** | **Definition** |
| **Communication** | Articulate thoughts/ideas effectively using oral, written, & nonverbal skills; listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes & intentions |
| **Collaboration** | The ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams |
| **Creativity** | Generate, elaborate, refine, analyze, & evaluate own ideas in order to improve & maximize creative efforts |
| **Innovation** | The act or process of inventing or introducing a new product or new way of doing something |
| **Critical Thinking** | The ability to analyze, interpret, evaluate, summarize, & synthesize all information & apply results to solve a problem |
| **Problem Solving** | The ability to solve different kinds of unfamiliar problems in both conventional and innovative ways |

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| **Life & Career Skills** | **Definition** |
| **Information Literacy** | Access & evaluate information accurately and creatively; apply an understanding of ethical/legal issues surrounding access/use of information |
| **Media Literacy** | Understand purpose of media messages & how individuals interpret them; use appropriate tools to create media for diverse environments |
| **ICT Literacy (Information, Communication, &Technology)** | Use technology to research, communicate, organize, evaluate information & apply understanding of ethical/legal issues surrounding access/use of technology |